

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

NOTICE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(b), the judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on January 18, 2005, approved for publication and solicitation of comment by March 11, 2005, an amendment to Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-2 which would increase the short-term fee applications of debtors' counsel in Chapter 13 cases from \$1500 to \$1800 in order to reflect normal inflationary increases and ease the burden on consumer counsel.

Also on January 18, 2005, the judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania approved for publication and solicitation of comment by March 11, 2005, a new set of local bankruptcy rules in complex Chapter 11 cases (Rules 1002-2 through 5 and 2016). The proposed rules better identify an objective standard for qualification of cases as "complex" and better specify procedures for consideration of vital issues in such cases.

Having reviewed and considered comments on the proposed amended rules, the judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on May 16th, 2005, approved and adopted an increase in the short-term fee applications of debtors' counsel in Chapter 13 cases from \$1500 to \$2000, and further approved and adopted amendments to Rule 1002-2(d)(1) to include the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry and the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue, as parties to receive notice of expedited hearings in complex Chapter 11 case, effective immediately.

A copy of the amended rules is set forth below. Those wishing to obtain copies of these rules may do so by writing to Michael E. Kunz, Clerk of Court, United States Courthouse, 601 Market St., Room 2609, Philadelphia, PA, 19106 or by obtaining them in person at the Clerk's Office. Copies of the proposed rules may also be obtained from the Office of Clerk of Court by submitting a faxed request to the following fax number: 215-597-6390. Copies are also available on the District Court's website, which may be accessed at <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov>.

JAMES T. GILES,
Chief Judge